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SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

Sheriff Ed Bonner announces the promotion of four employees, including the department's first female lieutenant.

David Keyes has been promoted from lieutenant to the rank of captain, and has assumed command of the Placer County Jail. Keyes, 40, has been with the department for 16 years. He replaces newly retired Captain Steve Reader.

Julie Jeffs has been promoted from sergeant to lieutenant, the first female officer in Placer County to attain such a rank. The 42-year-old Jeffs was hired 13 years ago.

Deputy Kelly Leitzell was recently promoted to the rank of sergeant and will be working in the Placer County Jail. The 14-year department veteran is 38 years old.

Finally, Deputy Jess Phariss has been promoted to the rank of sergeant and has been reassigned to the North Lake Tahoe station. Phariss, 44, has also been with the department for 14 years.

"As Placer County grows, so does the Sheriff's Office," said Bonner. "We are very proud of these people as they progress through their careers. They've each proven excellent at performing their jobs.

"These officers will be instrumental in training and mentoring newly hired deputies and correctional officers as we continue to grow and meet new challenges."

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